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I'm surely glad to hear of Radnich & Mavis. Hate to hear of Mattie's death. Hope to get Martha to come down for a rest for a few days. Hear Stella had chicken pox in room with Aug. Stella's mail letter you sent to Grand Island. Love, Irene

June 8, 1934.
New 2 Li Yang Rd
Tsingtao

Dearest Mother Mine!

Fine for a nice visit this a.m. I want to get a little letter off anyway. You'll see I'm home - yes - still home - I am much better — have a few complications to delay but I feel sure now I'll be better before long & by time this reaches you I'll be well well so do not worry/ please. There have been innumerable blessings during this time of illness & I am so glad for them, I hope everything I could get will come now & I'll get over it now while that's my business. I'm sure that the rest & the time here will not be ill-spent —

Have two letters from you in very short time - just a few days apart. Glad you'd a visit with Aunt Callie & Buds & had such a nice Mother's Day.

I. Thank you dear for the cards + pictures. That will make me a good supply — We are using the cards less now but they will find a place. That date is earlier than Earl wrote me, but I guess not so much. He said June 13-July 2 in China waters. I'll be home that time so I'll be glad to see him. I trust soon good! Have my housecleaning about all done now + room looks nice. I got cloth for a summer davenport cover + curtain tops. They look nice. The cook gave rug a good scrubbing in lye + its like new. Ruth let the sewing woman use her big machine + she made the cover very nicely + some slips + that about ends my spring cleaning. Cook painted the kitchen + he will do bathroom + closets with varnish slowly as he has time, he is so clever + willing + it surely a great relief — I just pray it will continue — This fixing rock paving under our summer house + has done all of the masonry himself.

3) There is a man here, a relative of his from country — who had been an opium eater - smoker — & because of the evil condition is the country came here for a few days. He's been reading the Bible & been to servants' prayer meet A.M. Ruth J. & I do that together. One day he was so delighted. He told how when the opium desire came on he prayed & read the Bible & the desire would go. He's had more since coming & his face is changed even. I've given some time to helping him & it is just wonderful to see just what the Holy Spirit can do & watch Him work —

Mr. C. told of the story of a Mr. Chang (was at Siu Chia Chi last winter & made some confession of sin in Mr Chiang's meeting. He was "every thing on the calendar". Figures terminating lied not committed — His wife was later converted & the Sheid treated for some months to treat a paralyzed arm with no success — at her conversion her arm was healed! Three sons, one here in Sigtao. The second son a rascal & the 3rd quite a dependable lad. He came in here to tell the brother the news & brother just

41 scoffed & laughed & said to him 'Your formerly told the truth & here you're taken this foreign superstition & it has "bedeviled" you — etc.' The father recently came in — went to his son & wife, poured out all his past to them & told how the Lord had changed & just with weeping prayed for them & begged them to believe. A week or so later, the son came to Comrades & now both he & his wife are converted & so happy! He worked at the race course & told how old women would come to pawn their clothes to buy a winning ticket on races to make a sweep — just pitiful — just sin as all the world over.

Mother dear, don't worry about my writing your that letter. I have had a newspaper touch with Him & such must come from clearness & those who sees the Lord in a clearer light feels the more his uncleanness as Isaiah "Woe is me". Correspondingly there has come new joy & appreciation for the precious cross of our Lord & our position in Him. Perhaps I didn't make it all clear before. I praise Him for Himself & that he does make us to be his sons in such a high position & first ask to be made like Him. When no one arrived we won't till we're changed to His image, & we ask this as a daily growth, as we obey & let His love work out thru us, Ah the joy of it & the marvel of His love — I praise Him for you mumsie dear & all of my sweet family & dear ones & May He bring us all closer & closer to Him — teach us to really walk in Love & in Him & use us to alter.

New 2 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, June 19, 34

Dearest Mother + all my dear ones!:
Now to begin a visit. Ask me to tell you why I haven't written sooner + what I've done + I fear it would take myself time + paper + be much details + little of great things! Well, it is good that there is nothing great that isn't little, too or made up of "little things". Part of it has been more resting — + I surely think soon I'll not need even that — for I'm much better — Don't worry about me.

Martha W. is down for a few days visit + rest! Imagine mine a car waiting for her to get a thing typed + will go for a ride. One of the men sent it up for us to use — now Roy get excited + interested! It is time!! Ha — only not to! The business man I told you of who was converted a year ago + has been thru so much this year in mind a marvelous spirit — had a friend leave this car to be used + (in foggy weather better than to have it idle) So we're going to use it a little same man we got the car from last-

21 summer. By the way matter will you
ask Bud to send me a copy of my drivers
license, get it from the State Dept, if
I can get a license for here — not that I
expect to have use for it often but
I would like it + often comes in
handy. Thanks yaw.

We had such a wonderful weiner
roast — out on the rocks by the sea
last night. Ruth + Gardner G. — Mar. +
another Betty Redfern, a recent christian,
that Mr. Hogg + a friend that he has
won named Bardens, Since their
conversion they have lost jobs + gotten them
again. + Hoggs company at Cleeton Compradore recently
got away with $20,000 some + broke the
firm. So last week he came back from
Cleeton without a job but gloriously
happy. Last nite they read the articles
of a new firm they are forming in
faith. First one is 'The owner of the
business is God.' They are the stewards
+ pledge to run the business on a
God-guided basis following Christs
teaching. They were asking us to help
decide about the name. "Three Stewards
+Co" present suggestion. It is perfectly
thrilling to see their faith, — + in
face of being broke to have a

3)- vision of renting a house at $150. per month at Luk for a sort of christian retreat & fellowship Home — for summer -
I must confess my littleness of faith & being bound by material & smallness of vision! It will be a great witness here in this city — & the need,
Later Monday. I seem just fated about your letters! I'll try to tack some more to it & to finish while we wait for a caller. a Mrs. Koo, relative of cooks- & daughter-in-law of nice old gentleman aut in one of the villages. She is to come today for us to pray with her & confess her sins. She came on afternoon & I had a long session with her. That was her first understanding much what it is allabout She the cook has gone occasionally on Sun P.M. Now Miss Tan is back & she too can help her. She & old gentleman came yesterdays to go to church with them. She hasn't been the least bit hesitant about confessing or admitting her sins & said yesterday that her heart is heavy & she wants to be forgiven her sins. Yesterday at church she prayed too — That may be what will interrupt any minute but in the

4/ meaw time I'll write. Well, to continue where I left off - with car + Martta. That day we took a long ride along the coast + it was a great trip then next a.m. went out to the Muk! We surely did enjoy it. I enjoyed her visit but it was a bit strenuous so the rest of week I just rested in morning + went with her P. M. we took our lunch out to rocks by sea a couple more times. She went back Sat; + I drove home - I am driving quite a bit to get in practice. I just went over now to get down to Consulate to get him to wire to Earl's boat so he will be sure to get off on Thursday + the car wouldn't go! Our short-lived joy!! I think it's battery. Our week is up tomorrow but we hope to rent it to go back + forth to the chapel in suburbs where were to go for meetings July 1 - 8. Mr. Hogg will likely not use it but anyway it will be a great help. Will be able to have night meetings as there's no place to live out there.

Martta did enjoy her visit + we did so enjoy her too. She had such colds all winter + took cold serum as preventative but it hasn't been so successful.

5/ Ray, will you ask Dr. McClain what he thinks of cold serums & the advisability of taking them. Dr. Weicker, our Dr. here — is a German & he's not so keen about all these preventative shots — I'm not sure he'd give them to me at all but might see. I'll be writing Warren & can ask him too.

Did you see Madame Chiang Kai Shek's article in the Forum about her being a christian? Mr. Lewisbury Sr. told at having a dinner with Chiang & wife & Pres Chiang told him why she decided to become a christian. 1. official corruption 2. autocracy 3. Communism in the world & saw no other means of meeting them except in Christ. Mrs. Chiang gets up at 5 in the morning to help her husband with prayer & Bible study. Her official position makes it difficult to do much as they are trying in every way to help. It surely is encouraging that much anyway.

My, the work of the Holy Spirit is just breaking out all over. The Lutheran church of China has just had a great revival in the south & from all sides.

Did I write the last of the opium-smoker Mr. Kuo — who was here with the cook a couple of weeks. He first discovered that when this craving came on him that if he'd pray & read the Bible it would pass. He was so delighted! & sent me a big gift of

& Sunkist oranges (15 per) bananas + bacon —
That day he told all at prayer about it that
+ was surely happy. He was a rank heathen
really — had had no contact with gospel
except hearing of such an organization!
Then he began with Jesus + got the Scriptures
I had an hour or so almost every day.
My faith is so small. Somehow it just stays in
my mind Is this real? Is he really truly earnest
+ Can he repent? I admit my sin of lack of
faith but it help to make me thorough in
helping him. I just exaggerated the persecutions he might receive + put every lie
I could but he invented he would be true.
His face just changed most remarkably
+ his shifty eye became steady. Finally
the night before he left Ruth, Gardner
the cook, he + Knelt down + poured
out a torrent of heart — sin to
God, leaving nothing — 9. Please pray
for him. It won't be an easy road for
him — but I'm so glad he had this
definite experience of Christ's power in his
life to conquer this awful binding sin!
My what a difference it makes to have
thru this definite cleaning out — "grilling"
Gardner called it — after all he could think of
+ we could think of — he couldn't have
much left —

7/ Well, I'm expecting Earl Thurs. Had a letter telling me to be sure to meet him at the inner harbour, 1 this just the day 8:30 to 11 at night so I won't see him much I fear. I'll write of that more later -

Two letters from you this week, That was nice you could have did at your little house. My! what an enormous pond that must be to hold so many fish! Good for the tenderfoot-scouts. See them George is an Eagle they must equal that! My! but I surely do not like boats after this strike etc at home - I surely hope to get Bernyce a letter soon - I did write Bud last week a long one! So Eula's class stirs up the card-players. Praise Him that there power in her class to do it. If Satan won't getting a claw in there eyes - he'd never get I'll try to send the auction with Earl. Hope to include something for each family. Earl can't room for much. You ask what I want- I find my 35¢ bloomers & shirt stock getting low. By next summer I'll need a few - Have stockings yet plenty. This year I've worn my foreign clothes more being home so long - but I'm getting nothing new in clothes line at all.

Matter mine, you're absolutely nothing to ask me to forgive - honey mine —

8] Oh may he make us more open to needs of others + to be a help to each one we meet- How often we just by being negative-neutral- in things - we really hinder. - Oh! I do so want to live closer to Him + to be more like Him. I'm sure He wants that rather than more service, "for we are "Sons" not "hired servants" - too often folks take the hustle + bustle position - but to quietly wait before God they can't. That reminds me of Peter Chin who is going in with Hogg + Bardens. I spanked him to pray. He knelt about 10 min + said Amen. I asked him about it + he said "why I prayed" - I. never speak tho I pray in Spirit - Sometimes for it takes at a time, until I just know + his Spirit is in me. He prayed once 4 hrs. to love a man who had insulted him.

I wondered "decoration Day" if anyone was going up to graveyard. So good of Roy to take you up — but just like him You know I think Roy is the best witness for Christ of all our family to Be Etta. She has so often spoken of him. I do so appreciate what he's done + been to you - mumsie mine - Just couldn't be nicer + I want him to know it too!

9/ Glad you'd the reunion with old friends. No, dear, no war trouble here in city. Don't worry about that ever — I'm in His care + it is just as He wishes + guides! + how such an amazing bounty of His care + grace + love. I just wonder how it happens to be my portion!

Miss Eachers from South Orange sent $3 gold for Hsieh Wen Chang the man stripped by bandits — + S.S. here gave $5.00 Mex. Suit that great. You spake of Board putting last report in booklet. Wasn't it the one of Mr. Wang in Bandit lands! They sent me two of that in booklet! Nice to get Nellie's note. My! how it helps to have you mail the reports. I must do another besides a yearly report this week — if I have the pep. Must get the personal report off before executive meeting! Pray keep me informed what you think of the new board. As I've said before — Our Chinese churches have no question — are fundamental + my coworkers + I'm absolutely free to preach what I believe — Why should I change? I feel I am representing those who support me — Does it brand one "modern" to be with the old Board?

10/ I've just gone thru a pile of your letters, Tele & Mar. I'll still here, I wrote Carrie Anna last week - actually I did. I have done so few of the things I've wanted to do these months - no I'm not keeping up any Berkely dues - This year I made "Strawberry sunshine" jam - cooked in sun. This cook is very interested in learning Taleer! So we've had more foreign food this year than ever, - but cost's more! I pray that the Master will provide the right person for you if it's His will for you to stay on & to have one. I think I should send you some money & not wait for word about it.

Mrs. Van. is much much better - We're so glad. She can get downstairs tired a day & walk some! My! it is surely His love & grace -

A chine girl is coming for supper so I'd better stop now. Mr. Koo hasn't come yet Maybe rain kept her away.

Much much love dear heart Tell my loved ones. Miss Tan sends love to her Grandmother. Love, Irene

New 2 Tri Yang Road
~~Tsingtao~~ -
July 13, 1934

Dearest Mumsiedear;

I must get a note off to you hony at least. I'll a few minutes while I'm waiting for Ruth - with an account of months - to get straightened up - but she's just jinking with the baby's bath etc.

My! it's been a long time since I wrote - This time I couldn't help it - Did I tell you about Earl's visit my has it been that long I guess it has.

Well his visit nearly laid me up - I was so weary for a couple of days + then from July 1-8 we were away at Sau Tang holding meetings & then these days since I've been typing madly on reports + station report that had to be done this week. We've had such hectic upset days that the big report was overlooked - & I was only one who was free. so this week I've just done nothing else. Yesterday a.m. I got up at 4 a.m. & typed till 5 P.M. & got it off! Yaull be amazed at me typing - Well I was too. It was just another experience of utter surrender & just lean-

I on him for support! It was no small jole + really from me the typing mistakes were very few! I'm finding I believe that the master is trying to take away my self-dependence + putting me in situations that I just must draw from him moment by moment And he never fails that is the glorious part, the failing is our part or lack of surrender + wanting to depend on our own abilities + all.

Now I'll begin with Earl's visit. It was on Wed. + I'd gotten 27 in my head as hers, Lew. I got up early- Mrs Law + I went shopping for things for Earl to take to yaw for next Christmas + Wed. A.M. I expected to rest + get dinner all planned + here Ruth came saying today is 21. So she planned for me + we did have a rush I wasn't sure I'd like Chinese food so Ruth planned that we'd go there. She was just a dear to come to rescue that way, I took the old car (mentioned in last letter I had it still for going out to Siu Tang) + down to rest him + battery wouldn't work— So he + his friend had to push it, I drove up crowded street with no horn! al that was awful, I had to leave

3] it to get fixed + went shopping. It was one hectic rush of a day! Came back here for a delicious dinner at Ruth's + went for ride that P.M. along the coast so we could see a bit of interior villages, I had asked Bertie Hogg to take him swimming hoping that to talk to a Kenyan business man who was taking religion (had expect it from our mining family) + Christ seriously (not many such out here) might be of real influence to him + since they were to be back at boat at six + no time for supper we were to take some sandwiches down to beach — the presents had to be wrapped + I didn't get there with sandwiches till after they'd had tea — which Earl will tell you in fun I'm sure + it was funny. They put a tea cloth on the beach + drank tea without any trimmings at all!! My fault. Guess it didn't do much for Earl tho I told him later about how they are founding business on faith etc. When we got to the boat at six we'd all day liberty till 12 at night. So we went out in the launch to the boat + had a visit coming back + after supper came up here to visit! It

4) was too full of too much + not enuf time to get down to anything in way of really knowing the kid. Of course he would naturally not open up so much after as the Mr. Peters was a stranger + here all the time too. It was great the way all helped me try to make it a nice day for him. Mary Van Leuven had her cook make fudge for him to take along! It was good to see him. + was sorry not to have more time. Then we began the meetings at Sew Lang. No place out there to live so we drove back + forth. The Holy Spirit surely did bless in spite of heat + mud + threatened rain the meetings were a right blessing to us too. We had so much freedom for speaking to it + that it was good to get back to it after the long time of illness. There is just no joy like witnessing for God + seeing souls getting cleaned out + right with God. + I don't believe the other things we do while related to witnessing + are all a part of Christ living out thru us in every circumstance

5] but still he surely gives a special power
& a joy just for that service. Well we
had a joy ~~ruu~~ ~~a~~ wonderful in this
weeks meetings. My pup is back again
& I'm so glad for the strength again
to do the necessary things but still I have
to be careful - Later I'll just come
back from taking Mary to the hospital
for treatment. Van was so good about
taking me, that I am glad indeed
to be able to return a bit for her.
They surely were good to me. I guess
I must turn the car back it is really
too much of an expense to keep it
up tho I have surely enjoyed it.

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TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

Ruth's cook was married this week
Monday & Tues. we were busy with
that. My! it was fun - too. Shi girl
is an orphan as is the cook, they are
both from an orphanage at Taian -
She came here five days early & was with
me, until the wedding. Miss Yan was the
go-between for them - They saw each other
before & wrote letters but he didn't
see her for a long talk etc. She had
a pretty pink dress - pink veil & pink
satin embdy shoes - & pink-red gladiolas for

her bouquet. After wedding - we took them in cars to ~~chapel~~ & had a reception here for them - & a car ride afterward out to the Hulks. Mrs Fawkes? left them to wander along the beach while we went the other way. Mrs Faw almost fell off the rocks - had a really narrow escape & we are glad!

The letter from the farm was a surprise. It was good that you could help them out. Please give my regards to all there. & just such bushels of love to all of you - each one of you my dear ones!

July will be a busy month - the rest of it. 14-31 a Chinese conference here & many in from the country. 18-22 too there is a ~~retreat~~ out at the Hulk - We're busy having prayer meeting each day for it. I must close now & not keep your waiting another day. Today is the first day I could write but to delay longer than today would be wrong -

Much much love my dearest ones! I love you & I see

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TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

August 4, 1934

Dearest Mumsie mine!

How I am again late with a letter. These days have surely been full to the brim + running over. Such days of blessings too I fear I never can get it all recounted. But I have it on my list this a.m. to get a letter off to you! My I do want to be able to write more often + keep closer to you Mumsie dear! I surely do feel that I've a big big slat in my heart to do for you but I seem not to ever come up to it - + the more I resolve to write oftener it seems the worse I get.

Since I really have been up + going I find I still have it learned temperance in using my strength - I am trying to cut out the things which I do not really feel are to glorify the Lord + are His will at the time. I have had great joy in a deeper surrender to God + in trying to follow His leading in the little details + in decisions as well. Such a new experience I've had in Him

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just working thru me in this station re-
port. It was suddenly put on to me in
midst of meetings + other duties + to
type it also. You know me + typing! As
soon as I'd get all excited or worried
about getting it done I was finished but
when I'd pray + just committ it to Him
a peace + power came + there were sur-
prisingly few mistakes for me. Thurs. P.M.+
Friday A.M. again about 6 Ls at a time
+ at last it is finished. Still at printers
yet - that I must tend you see the
biggest burden of it is off. I have piles
of letters + just about three weeks
yet + (that I have written typed mail)
until we go to the country. This
summer surely has been full.
After the Swatang meetings there were a
few days - Then from July 14 - 30 there
was a Chinese conference here, with
folks in from the country + delegates
+ speakers to help care for. In the
midst of it July 18-22 there was a
retreat + conference of some of those
I have been reawakened these years +
want to go on to new power + new
usefulness. There were days of
meetings preparatory - so I've just

3] going pretty much but learning to surrender my body too in a new way to get strength for the day!

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I've a batch of yours letter here + one from Warren, Bessie + Bud all in one mail! That was a feast! That #2 of mine Eula has it you haven't a postage bill (I think it must be used for that) instead of renewing the star map now that I've the full year's maps I'd like that Barrett Servis" Star + Planet Finder - northern Hemisphere I think is it #1.50 + is gotten at the same address Leon Barrett

244 Adams Street Brooklyn N.Y. - Say I first see in another place it is #5 - I've used to be one advertised #1.50. Might write a postcard + if they've 1.50 ones O.K. otherwise disregard this entirely | Funny about the slip being stolen.

Thanks for clipping about Mary Lee. That sounds as if Raleigh was already appointed to Africa. My! that is good. Their wedding announcement came this week too. I must get them a gift soon.

Nice to have a visit from Elizabeth. Bud said she was disappointed in the calmness of the ocean! Yes. the Board sent me two copies of "In the Bandit's Hands", Our yard is not so bad

4) actually some grass is growing now on the new part + we've gladds in bloom + the corners getting filled with green shrubs + looks "not so bad"!

Heane + Stella are coming the 17 of Aug. for a week or so. May stay here tho not sure. I'll be away they may stay with Jenkins!

I think you are wise to get a home near Eula, Larry. I may cost more but you ought to be near, even with a little more rent. Mother mine you just decide what you feel is best. I know how when you've had your own home so long you still want it. I know Eula + Roy are just wonderful to you + I do so praise God for them + for their love to you + for Bud + Bessie + Warren. Your wanting to be in your own home doesn't mean in the least that you're not happy there with them. I've had my little home here just these two years + I know even from it how you feel. Warren wrote that he'd written to you about your still raising money with him + suggests forwarding to you what you need + charging it later against estate. Anyway you've what you've already given him. You tell me to wait to send

5) Is the family you stay with a Christian family? Do they have no way to get into church? You spoke of missing church services.

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What Roy is your opinion now of the new Board? & all. It surely seems a bit invalued & puts all in rather funny position. The part that's taught of it that it way the thing seems to sound is that all who are in the Board are modern. if the new one takes the name of fundamental. Well, as far as I know I represent my supporters & it is no question on our field & in our station. So I'll just keep on, hoping to do His will each day in winning others to Him. At present anyway I need make no decisions the new Board. The list of names came. I'll get my report letter done & mail before long. It's first copy is done.

I've watched the papers about the strike some but hadn't heard of gas shortage. I've been more impressed the more with the increase of all disasters & increase of evil too.

Don't worry about my health. I think the sinus absolutely cleared up & risk time not bad at all. When I'm rested after no pain at all, & if there is — not at all like formerly. Please do not worry — Just committ me to God — to my dearie.

4) Well I surely had a surprise last nite I had invited Abbotts + Eamers + Anita (She asked about you — Margaret Winslett + Ruth L. + Gardner's sister, Roberta, to supper + here they came with birthday remembrances of letter paper + some cut-outs. I'd been so busy I had thought of it just yesterday deciding — it would get by without any remembrance, not with a hurt feeling but just disregarding it. I don't like to add to the years so fast!!

I've had an experience that was good for me but not pleasant in one sense. I was very much annoyed + disgusted with the tailor for cutting my skirt so short garment too small + gave him 20¢ less than bargained price. My conscience hurt afterward + I had to go to apologize for it. The Holy Spirit also reminded me of anger at a shoeman + I had to go to apologize to him. Trying to be just 'crystal clear' before God + man is a lifetime job I find. I see why Jesus said to be defrauded rather than to be angry etc + to go the second mile etc — that is one's opportunity to witness. Had I not gone to apologize to them the door to their hearts would never be open to anything I might like to tell them of Jesus. My own inconsistency would shut my mouth. Oh I do want to be a free clear channel

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Ilius Hunk. Aug 18, '34

My Precious Mumsie dear;

Have your July 14 letter & want to write right away. That was Sat. & here this is Mon. A.M. Four meetings yesterday & guests are the reason for the letter not bi ing written yesterday. My! this summer July & August have been the busiest that I have ever spent in China— the most meetings but the most blessed of my life. These last two weeks have been so full of just seeing God's glory before us & in the nearest approach to my "ideal of a home" one in which there has been constant prayer for & with Souls & every plan to contribute to that aim. Personally it has been a great humbling & getting myself off pride's pedistal & a much freer usableness for Him to use me. Hungry hearts have been coming & coming. Oh!

I do so long to know the Lord in a more real intimate way. His that I speak of has been the continuation of what began in me out in the country at time of illness & has been the two weeks intensified by the miracle lived before our eyes - the conversion of miss Jan's brother & the spiritual growth in just a week! The Lord has given him a very special grace of intimate communion as a result of his most utter surrender simple faith & instant absolutely unquestioning obedience. It is the nearest I have ever known of of what it must have meant by Moses & God "speaking face-to-face as a man speaketh to his friend" & it is an example of what each of us should be. I have a little book telling about the marvelous converts of India "Voices & visions of Sundar Singh" & so much of these experiences are so similar. His had so little real Bible study & doesn't have the

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3] technical phraseology even to tell us the experiences but they deal right along with the deepest truths of the Bible. His wonderful humility and naturalness are striking too — I told you I think of his conversion in last letter - how he had for two-years been planning a scheme for a China-wide and even world-wide propaganda which was to include parts of Bolshevism, Fascism, Socialism etc - to sound plausible & win confidence but in the end to use it to be a great Antichristian propaganda & action agent. Just like the antichrist will be! My! my blood just ran cold to hear him tell & all of his family considered him the quietest, most unassuming in the world! We just can't take people for granted! Well the Lord used a Mr. Wang - who is very pock-marked & Hwui Tze (Miss Tsai's brother had an utter scorn for anyone pock-marked & Ruth Lowbury (too he had left Department at the & Ruth for no reason in the world but her looks just didn't appeal to him) How God used these two who he looked down on most to bring him to Christ. His ways are so wonderful!

Now Aug. 23. Your letter I began just as soon as I went to the Huk & you see for yourself what date it is. You will

4/ have already been puzzled about the address & stamp on this letter. Really I am writing this from a Japanese hotel in Kairen Manchuria on my way to Japan! You're not much more incredulous than I am, I am sure but I'm here. I'm on my way to Karuizara where there is to be a series of meetings similar to those held in Tsingtao this summer - in which the very same principls of confession of sin, witnessing, Bible Study & training in soul-winning which have been elements in the Chinese revival for 3 years among the Chinese is going on now widely among the missionaries of all denominations gathered there this summer. The July meting was an introduction & just now three more days just ending & Hoare & Bardens (an English business man converted about a half-year) & going up to Chefoo yesterday. Their boat left just after mine & the ones who saw me off went over to see them off. Abbatts you remember (who had tea in apt in N.Y. & came in while we were still making sandwiches) with some others who were at Tsingtao have been having similar meetings in Chefoo.

This one in Japan is the fourth stopover

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Lodat this is unquestionably a revival led by the Holy Spirit that we've prayed so long for. It is the most wonderful fellowship in prayer real heart reaching & soul-airing I've had among foreigners since Moody Days & it is wonderful It is the same as has come to Chinese church but is more quiet (Chinese all pray out loud at once but that is oriental — they study that way in schools —) There is more emphasis on the quiet listening in prayer & waiting for Holy Spirit's conviction & direction. Many people described the meeting as "old Methodist Testimony meeting" — maybe a bit of a departure from format Presbyterian but the Holy Spirit is getting a lot of sins dug out. It has been a great experience for me, for miss Tan & all. The greatest influence on us has just been Miss Tan's 19-yr. old brother. Surely the time of Christ's return is near the Holy Spirit is working so in lives of anyone who will just humbly open the heart's door — to get sins pulled out. We've found not only the unconverted need this cleansing from selfishness, self righteousness, lack of love

b) pride, unforgiving spirit, not being able to get along with others, These spiritual sins are worse than the open grosser ones for they make one such a hypocrite & cut one off from being used to bring others to Christ, The elder brother in "prodigal son" story is a picture of so many Christians, I've seen both the "prodigal & the elder brother", This at this time especially I surely had had a horrible bump of pride — spiritual pride — but I praise Him it is out to roots now — at least recognized if not wholly dead — That Bible verse "Esteem others better than yourself" came like a thunderbolt. I'd gotten so critical of preachers — men especially — & it came with a bolt of realization that those I actually esteemed better than myself I could count on one hand. Well that was bad! I marveled why I esteemed others so little & of course all of the things I was condemning them for I was either guilty of myself or so proud of fact I wasn't that that spoiled that — I came to see what a spiritual monstrosity I was becoming. I saw a simpleton on the street on day & the example came home. Here this man had eyes, ears, heart mind (after a sort) legs & consciousness but what a right he was. How

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The Holy Spirit went on to speak to me. "Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" How self had my consciously realizing it. - No I couldn't honestly say I had the mind of Christ. Ears? Even a mixers voice & differentiate it from voice of enemy. Christ put Station of servant as the truest relationship with Him. In prayer & in following His guidance how deaf I've been. Pray to know His will & there's a tumult of voices & sometimes Satan's mistaken for Christs! That's spiritual deafness. Eyes? Seeing only myself as so good & often not esteemed every not respecting some, well I didn't have Christ's eyes. Heart? How often I've glibly answered "Oh, yes I'll pray for you" & after maybe a week or to be very good a month. & then to forget, not to carry even my loved ones enuf to God in prayer - "To have the fellowship of His suffering" I could repeat - but where was I really having heart of Christ? How I do thank Him that as each of these things was clear I realized what Paul spake of agonizing that Christ be formed in you. Well, I confessed all of these & came again as for salvation for Christ

8) take + cleanse + renew. How I praise him
he's taken the pride + given a love really I
can see how really I can honestly esteem
others better! How this pride has kept me
from being used especially to help heart-
needs of preigners. It all is coming out now.
from them now that I've confessed it others
have said how they didn't feel free to open up to me!
Christ is so much nearer ah like a big veil
has been lifted. Now about my coming to Japan.
I've realized ever since the Shanghai affair
when we were in N.Y. I have loved the Japanese
less + less. Do you remember I thought my
call was to Japan at first + first few years
I prayed much for Japan. I see now gradually
I lost it seen, I felt a deep resentment when
we came thru Japan on way back + again in
Shanghai nearer the scene. I resented
going on a Jap. boat but had no choice
+ I'd just stopped buying Japanese
goods. Sometimes I'd realize a bit wrong
"ah father don't let me have unchristian
feeling to Japan" but I'd no idea
how deep that race prejudice, because
of my love for China, had become.
This Spring someone said, "Want to go to
Japan for vacation" I recall thinking
"That's last place on earth I want to go!"

9] Gardner Lewisbury read an announcement of this meeting in Japan + a call for helpers to come from China for it my thoughts

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then revealed that my prejudice was almost hate. "Why should Japan have this!" I confessed it before long but what a horrible spirit. Later in prayer I found an unwillingness to go to help — before I was even spoken of — that had to be surrendered — It came to me again + again + to others + to Mrs Jan + Miss Jan too felt strongly so. + she's generally loathe to let me leave at all. Last Sunday I put out a fleece like Gideon + during Church service again 3 times this just "Have I not spoken already" — — first others planned to come. Tues. eve. the packing was settled but Bertie said he'd get ticket + change money + for me to pack, + see about others. They planned to send a Chinese Mr. Chi from their business firm but at noon a group; he, Bardens, Heane + Stella, Tewksies, all of us met for prayer. If I came it was alone, I'd talked of this possibility to Mrs Jan before. She said why you came alone to China, strange language + all — what about this trip to stop you?

10] We all prayed & it was the unanimous feeling of all that I was to come. That very morning in talking about Letels in Taiwan "my old feelings re Japanese just came up - all I have to stay in a Japanese Hotel!" That A.M. during devotions as I each waited for God to reveal "what is wrong with me, that is still a block to His fullness" it came as clear as a spoken voice to me "You're full of race prejudice & hate". I got that out & ah the love I've felt today & I've seen more than exterior today. Of course I don't love their hateful acts but they are equally hateful to many Japanese they are Satan's prompting but for me to hate all Japanese was awful! Praise Him it is out, forgiven & replaced by love.

I'd found a pretty indifferent heart toward the many Russians were in Tsingtao - "just Russians" Praise Him I'd a Russian cabin mate & that was gone too in spite of her lipstick & extreme clothes. The Lord let me befriend her - pray for her & share with her - So I praise Him for getting out a plug of narrowness in just loving Chinese alone!

11] There was another reason I was not willing to come to Japan + in fairness I must tell you that too. Because this revival movement has

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been connected with the Oxford group movement in so far as several of the leaders were at Oxford last summer. The essence of the meetings are just what I've said above. As for doctrine they have been as fundamental as "Moody Inst" itself. There is nothing new at all. It is in essence what the revival among Chinese has been who have never even heard of the name even. The emphasis on actually living in your hearts + then conduct what mentally + doctrinally is believed - even that isn't new! Since the new Board at Lome is trying to whitewash all old "Boarditis" as modern + since many criticize Oxford group as modern I hesitated to come but some + even now mumble mine misunderstand. I hesitated over it but it came this way to me. I am not responsible for every one who has ever gone to an oxford group any more than I am for every Presbyterian in the world. There are many Presbyterians with whom I do no see eye to eye! Some of my C.I.M. friends feel I am compromising even to be under Pass. but I know I am not. It is no question in Japan at all - for me nor

my supporters as far as I know but that I represent them & I am as fundamental as I was at M.B.I, Now I know what our group here this summer has been & the leaders of movement are here as fundamental as can be. I cannot deny the work of the Holy Spirit in the Chinese revivals nor among the foreigners. It happens some of leaders really got converted by the Holy Spirit by the method used there. It might have happened anyplace else. Like Uncle Arthurs got converted by Holy Spirit in Seven Day Advent movement The name is immaterial. I hope I've made it clear that you'll understand. I've felt in China revivals there were some things not perfect — too emotional etc — but the way to help is not to fight from outside but get in & lead. Some stations are just now learning this after bitter splits. I know what we've had here this summer has been the conversion of many — reconsecration of others, deeper love for Bible & cross & love for souls & actually getting out to win souls & deeper hunger for Holy Spirit's work in fullness ——
Maybe some places & fad groups aren't. Well I

12 Am not a member of them nor have either one can't join or be put out — it is an emphasis on quality of Christian life. A value in Christ anywhere

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can't compare with an adult. No denomination either can claim perfection of conduct nor belief for every member. All I know is that what is happening here is a revival led by the Holy Spirit + I have been tremendously helped + I can't deny it, + for it alone am I responsible. It is nothing I have'nt known since Moody Days but there's been much I've known but not "possessed." I feel it has brought a new step to me. So many it is bringing fundamental conversion even to missionaries. I know much of the wholesale superficial criticism + much of it is unfair. I'm not talking for Oxford group as Oxford group I'm talking about a revival of the Holy Spirit's working here in our midst. In so far as it is the work of Holy Spirit will any church or any person remain aloof —

Y'all wonder about my coming — must go out for supper — (2.50 here) write later. Back from 1.15 supper very simple

14th tomatoes, ham + toast. I dumbly got a 5¢ bill out for tip to room boy (for one nite!) + I just discovered it when I counted my money so I'm saving to make up on it — Saw 1,35 on supper tonite — went to a Russian place where that Russian lady took me today to try to get a famous Russian vegetable soup "Borsch" made of marrow bone + vegetable with sour cream mixed in at last. You might try it. Surely good! rich tho. I see how different my heart is tonite — I didn't feel that "first Russian" feeling at all. Matter a man came in who looked so strikingly like Mr. Bell at Biblical seminary I had to look twice to be sure! funny!

I started to tell about coming. I never did anything so big in such a short time with so little effort — I came in Wed A.M from Ikuta — stopped to buy a voile dress since I heard that Kaiunzawa is rather a "dress up" place. Got home - took bad to work + press a lot of clothes. Eva M. came along with some nice pajamas + underwear for me + helped me while Cook went on errand. Bertie got my passport visa + Lora I failed to get visa in A.M. but I rather let it slide + sure enough P.M. the consulate changed mind + planned all the day Wed reading. I felt the night before to visit.

15] was closed so it caused Bertie a lot of trouble but he got it at 4 at last. I dare my "deafness" & blustering just caused their extra. Miss

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Law was out at Miss Thuo's. I told the cook to plan for her, She didn't discouremage, but I was sure. She said she felt this urge to come back & Wed. A.M. early she said she must go. They argued & she couldn't tell why she must go, but when she got home cook told her I was leaving for Japan at 5. She immediately went to get me some Japanese & Japanese money! While she was at Miss Thuo's, their amah & Miss Thuos nephew were saved!, At first Vans were a bit opposed to my coming, (They felt the trip too long for a short stay so I may stay longer depends on my money. Contributions were giving in to Bertie at various times for use of meeting. So from that 24900 Mex is put into my hand to account & we just made the boat, I did tipped the roomboy too I'm sure — so he had a "wind-fall" with my 5 which he divided with table boy, I wondered why table boy was so grateful. Now I know!

16] Had a fine smooth trip up. Leave in A.M. 24 for Moji Japan arriving 26 go by taxi to Sakuyko + on to the mt. resort of Karuizara My! I can't believe it my self! It was a bit like this the time six of us went to Washington from M.B.D. Here just everyone helped + it is all for love of Master I feel a great responsibility — but the responsibility is to obey the Master + Keep self out of His Way + just let Him do His own job! I'll enclose a folder of place. More of this later.—

Mother, I'm glad to bring that money along. Since Warren wrote that he was planing to care for a sum by month + you've some still with him I'll do it later. This $1 bill was given me for birthday. Mother I think I owe you more than this for postage anyway I'll enclose it now for part of that.

My! strikes + all. Surely the Lord will return soon — ah to watch those ready before He comes! So sorry about Marjie operation glad She's A. K now. Thank Julia please for the Yankie. I'll use it now. Sweet of Woodburn loved ones to remember me! My how wonderful they are! Foster's back! Where is the pastor living? Not any anymore! Where did he go — Forget his name! Sorry Aunt Glenn surely is having her share. She must have developed much patience by now!

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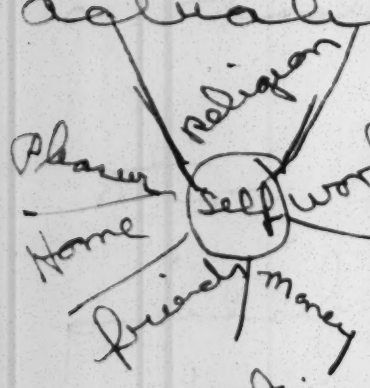
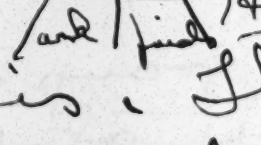
Mother dear, if you can sell the fur garment do that + keep the money! If it a question of giving it away I'll pay the postage on it for I can find a use but I don't want it if you can get what seems upon worthwhile. Upon decide + I rather you have it!

I'm getting along mother dear all right. Please do not worry. As long as we get enuf for a living that is fine + we do — by living simply + that is what we should do!

Well, I'd surely love to trip in to hear Roy preach again. How is filling anyway? Boy pictures I do not love! One of my new resolutions is to write Eula more often! Don't faint Eula Sister mine if you do get a letter! Roy Some of criticisms in Moody Monthly of Oxford group I confess I'm at a loss to explain why they take the stand. — I felt the first time I met at Calvary "I'm back to a Moody Testimony meeting" Shy say you can't be guided by God as group say! Why that is just what I thought we

were taught. In Hudson Taylor's "Union + Communion", Peter teaching just the same on waiting to hear God speak to you - so had Luther. I must confess I thought they were bending over backward to criticise. They said how can a Jew or R.C. enter the fellowship? Well how can a Jew or R.C. become converted? In the issue. Much is said about experimental criticism Well we surely had "personal testimony" at M.B.I. when told demon of Gadara to go home + tell what God had done for him! As Barnhouse was here over a meeting, the Spirit he never allowed a personal element in his meeting. If that's his idea O.K. but why fight about those who do. He said there was nothing at all to Mr. Tai's conversion - which surely marked him to me that blind prejudice just determined not to admit anything. His was a conversion outside group but led to Christ by a young student just recently converted by one who had had touch with groups in Shanghai. If Mr. Tai got a conversion I've never seen one. The doctrinal point in the approach that is that. Like a wagon wheel with center + radiating rectors. Many christians are like this — self is in actuality center. The religion sector may be big + full of works + all the intellectual assent to all doctrines but that doesn't affect the center much — self is still on the throne + Christ on the cross, now the emphasis I found at M.B.I + again in these revivals is taking those who already have that big sector of religion with a change of Center — Christ on throne with that life is a different basis. That is what happened to me when I surrendered my will at M.B.I. I've let self slip back in but there weeks have dictated it + put back





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Now at M.B.I. in practical work we had the principal if any honest seeker says "I can't believe all you said re creeds doctrine etc" Take him from where he can believe + ask whether he will honestly take Christ as Saviour + deal with sin + will promise to accept what Christ reveals to him. That is exactly something This mans sector of Religion is minute but if he honestly takes Christ as center it will grow! That drunkard you baptized - likely his Religion sector was small - you couldn't refuse him because his + your sectors were of same size - but both his + yours should be growing. A woman at B.S. (no connection with groups) had all sorts of intellectual troubles over Christ. She came to God at end of herself first but in a very short time she was forced to take Christ as revealer of God — all her doubts later vanished + she gradually came to the whole fundamental position. What had you made her to have to overlike to every one first Rebirth does She couldn't have honestly Surely those whose sector is small + maybe wrong but willing to follow on + obey + live it out are preferable to those who with a big sector of knowing all smugly keep self as center + condemn the others. That's the prodigal + the big brother.

There are some of the things that have come to me at times along the way. I know Gardner Leukesbury is far more fundamental since his Oxford experience than before. Moody Monthly criticized the quiet time — well why — when we always has 1/2 hr. quiet in halls for "morning watch".

Anyway there are too many souls to be brought to surrender to Christ in actuality to forgive sin & to be made to His Image to spend it hating others. I'm for defense of faith too but I confess I've felt some criticisms unfair. I know Harriet Strab's father wrote most of them & they were all at time I saw H. in N.Y. from hear say. I'd never actually gone to see. Harriet told me, Have you read "This One Thing I Know" Russell "I Was a pagan" Kitchner "Inspired Children" Jones about running Sunday School by prayer & meeting discipline. I know Ruth's Kiddies are getting something real when they pray in midst of quarrel & get it settled in love. What can be wrong with that? I don't mean to be argumentative. Sorry if I seem to be — but Ray can't talk to you — so have to write.

My its late & I'll some more letters — Much much love Mother mine & don't you worry I'm not morbid nor modern nor introspective but a shouting sinner saved by the cross + love & lots — Irene